

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

 $\label{thm:continuous} Transmitted\ herewith\ is\ an\ amendment\ in\ the\ above-identified\ application.$

- ____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established.

 Power of Attorney.
- X Please charge additional claim fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2221.
- X Any additional extension and/or fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2221.
- X No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments)-If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office
Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened
statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is require to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run. "Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

NOTE:

(complete (A) or (B) as applicable)

A. ____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension	Fee for other than	Fee for
(Months)	<u>small entity</u>	<u>small entity</u>
one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
 two months	450.00	225.00
 three months	1,020.00	510.00
 four months	1,590.00	795.00

Fee	\$	
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If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the

fee paid therefor of	\$ is	deducted from	the total	fee due
for the total months	of extension	now requested.		

Extension fee due with this request

\$

OR

B. X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

(1)

(2)

(3)

SMALL ENTITY

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

ADDIT

RATE

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	* 15	MINUS	** 24	
INDEP	* 4	MINUS	*** 4	

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP CLAIM

	RATE	ADDIT FEE
	x\$ 25=	\$
	x\$100=	\$
	x\$180=	\$
-	TOTAL	\$

x\$ 50= \$
x\$200= \$
x\$360= \$
TOTAL \$

ADDIT FEE

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- *** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total of Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in $Col.\ 1$.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title

INTERCONNECTING DISENGAGEABLE FLOORING SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action of October 19, 2004, kindly amend the above referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing Figure 19 is attached following page 13 of this paper.